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MUNICH, WEST GERMANY, AUG. 27 (REUTERS)--SOVIET TROOPS TODAY TOOK UP POSITIONS AT SEVERAL POINTS ALONG THE 235-MILE LONG CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER WITH WEST GERMANY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II.

"IT LOOKS AS IF THE RUSSIANS ARE TAKING OVER NOW," BAVARIAN BORDER POLICE CHIEF GUSTAV HAERING SAID HERE.

EARLIER TODAY, CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIALS IN PRAGUE SAID CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD TO AGREE TO SOVIET TROOPS BEING STATIONED ALONG THE BORDER AS PART OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED IN MOSCOW.

BORDER TRAFFIC ACROSS THE THREE BAVARIAN-CZECHOSLOVAK CHECKPOINTS HAS COME ALMOST TO A STANDSTILL.

CZECHOSLOVAK CUSTOMS AND POLICE ALLOW ONLY RETURNING CZECHOSLOVAK TOURISTS AND WESTERNERS WITH URGENT HUMANITARIAN REASONS TO CROSS THE FRONTIER.

AT ONLY ONE CROSSING, AT FURTH IN WALD, WERE CZECHOSLOVAKS ALLOWED TO LEAVE THEIR COUNTRY.

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